

PARK & RECREATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008
6:15 P.M.

Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street. President Denny Corn called the meeting to order. Other members present were AnnaKaren Pennington, Jan Voiles, Tim Shuppert and Tim Yazel. Also present were new board member Liz Crain who is replacing David Hasecuster, Mayor Mervyn Bostic, Councilman Cindy Humphrey, Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Contractor Chad Bowles and Pool Manager Anita Carfield. Theresa Hutslar and Ruby Welter with T-Ball was present and Fred Stevens with the Rushville Youth Baseball League.

Mayor Bostic introduced Liz Crain at this time. The board welcomed her.

Minutes: Shuppert moved to approved minutes from January. Voiles seconded. Motion carried.

Reports: Contractor Chad Bowles of Bowles Construction was present and stated he will proceed with the same price as last year for his quote on the skateboard park. Corn shared with the new members that Bowles will build a concrete ramp and the money is left over from the Skateboard Donation Fund. Bowles said he will start on this as soon as the weather breaks.

Mathews shared with the Parks Board that the Easter Egg Hunt is March 22nd and that the Parks Department always participates by handing out prizes to the kids. This year he has purchased tambourines and if anyone would like to help hand them out to be at park by noon on Saturday.

Pool Manager Anita Carfield was present and gave the following report:

Ryan, Rita and I conducted interviews on February 25 and 26 at the former Parks office on Sexton Street. We had many applicants to review and very few positions to fill. This made our decisions very difficult. We had openings for one full-time guard and 4-5 part-time or subs. We had openings for 1-3 part-time or sub concessions workers. After interviews and some tough decisions, we have the following people to recommend to you to be hired for the 2008 swim season:

Returning as full-time guards for their third year are Samantha Bostic, Sarah Carfield, Marissa Coffin, Jessica Mahan. Returning for their third year as a pool employee but their second year as a full-time guard are Julie Brashaber and Chase Sullivan. Other second year full-time guards are Caleb Drake, Trae Martindale, Amanda Miller, Allie Northcutt and Hillary Orme. Doug McConnell is a first-year guard for Waggener Pool with previous guarding experience and will be full-time. Park-time or sub guards are Rachel Beavers, Jessica Cole, Collin Hillen, Brennen Moody and Colin Phillips.

In Concessions we have Leah Connolly, Sarah Fey, Cassie Gordon, Hannah Kaster and Brandon Meyer returning for their second year. New sub concession workers will be Callie Spilman, Natalie Kopf and Taylor Mock.

I will be ordering swim suits and some supplies as soon as all guards have called me with their suit size.

We have a scheduled cleaning day of Saturday, May 10. We plan to get everything cleaned and ready for opening on Sunday, May 25 at 1:00 P.M. We're planning to open a day earlier than usual to help accommodate the holiday weekend. We will be closed on Graduation Day, Sunday, June 1. With all our guards being high school students, it is impossible to staff the pool that day.

We're currently looking at the first two weeks in June for evening lessons and the third week in June for morning lessons. We'll also offer morning lessons for three weeks in July. We will be offering group as well as private lessons this year. I will have more information on swim lesson dates, times, and cost next month.

Carfield then went on to say she has received one pool party via email already. There will be no parties the 1st two weeks of June due to evening lessons and the Board agreed.

Voiles moved to approve Carfield's above recommendations of employees. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

Carfield said she will have everything ready for next meeting.

New Business:

Accept Quotes for New Teeter Totters – Mathews stated he sent out requests for quotes on teeter totters to four different companies. He only received two quotes back.

- 1) Childs Play \$7,000 for 4 Teeter Totters Installed
- 2) Recreation Unlimited \$7,892 for 4 Teeter Totters Installed.

Mathews stated he will be placing one Teeter Totter in each park. He will go with a layer of sod and then pea gravel under the Teeter Totters. These Teeter Totters are made of galvanized steel frames and will take the money from the Non Revert Fund.

Voiles questioned liability. Mathews stated there will be no liability issue.

Shuppert moved to approve the Childs Play quote of \$7,000 for 4 Teeter Totters installed. Yazel seconded. Motion carried.

Approve Ball Lease Agreements – Fred Stevens from the Rush County Youth Baseball was present to pay his \$1.00 Security Deposit and sign his agreement. He stated they are putting up a fence on the Major field. They may do the Rookie field too and build a press box on the new Minor League field.

Stevens stated he is President this year and that Keith Tague is the Player Rep. Dustin Hittle is the 1st Vice President of the Minor League and Will St. John is the 2nd Vice President. Todd Tressler is the 1st Vice President of the Rookie League and Eric Waggoner is the Secretary.

Stevens said he will bring Sharpe a copy of the insurance.

Ruby Welter and Teresa Hutslar were present from T-Ball. They stated they are getting a \$5,000 grant from the RCCF for new bleachers and dugouts.

They paid their \$1.00 Security Deposit and will get the board a copy of officers and a copy of the insurance once the signups are over.

Welter said their next goal is to bring in fill dirt and make the field level.

Their first game is May 3rd and will have all the info to Sharpe before they begin playing.

Shuppert asked how old you have to be to play T-Ball. Welter said 4-7 year olds.

No one was present from the Girls Softball. Sharpe will get a hold of Cheryl Riggs.

Sharpe reported that Chris Makowski from the Rush County Youth Football is not interested in playing again this year.

The Rush County Schools have signed their agreement and paid their \$1.00 Security Fee.

Frank Denzler with the Men's Softball League was not present at this time. He told Sharpe he will not be the President this year but also turned over \$500 worth of receipts for the Maintenance Fee for this year.

Mathews asked if it would be cheaper if all the leagues went together and bought one big insurance policy.

Welter said it was affordable for them to do it the way they have been.

Voiles wished all a good season.

Sharpe reported the Amphitheater Committee has been meeting twice a month and the sponsors are coming in. To date she has raised \$49,500. The concert dates have been set and Richmond has confirmed almost all performers.

There will be a Community Picnic on May 17th which will include a D.J., Willie the Whale, a Cake Walk, Face Painting, a Hog Roast. Bonnie Locketta, Chair of Special Programs is working hard on this and is to have more to announce at next meeting.

Approve Request from St. Patrick's Committee – Sharpe shared with the Board that the St. Patrick's Committee is donating \$2,500 towards the Amphitheater Concert Series and they have requested pool passes for a raffle. Sharpe explained that we have done this for the past few years. Yazel moved to fulfill the St. Patrick's Committee request of two pool passes for the Irish Party Raffle. Voiles seconded. Motion carried.

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Voiles and Pennington. Voiles moved to approve the claims for the month. Pennington seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved.

Mathews stated that Shirley Biehl wanted to be here at this meeting with a request from the Optimist for their 4th of July Car Show. He said the vendors use the plug in's and they need three replaced. Last year a vendor hooked into and plug and fried his freezer. Last year the Optimist Insurance paid.

Mathews said they only use this electricity one day a year. He said this will be several thousand of dollars to repair.

Shuppert suggested contacting the vendors and an electrician to see what kind of wattage is needed.

Voiles moved to table until a representative can be present to answer questions.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

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ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY